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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE JULY 13 ISSUE OF THE
KOREA TIMES:

BEIN QUOTE

KOREA, US TO SIGN \$59 MIL. FOOD PACT. WASHINGTON (OP) -
CONGRESS GAVE THE STATE DEPARTMENT THE GO-AHEAD WITH A \$59.5
MILLION PL-480 AGREEMENT WITH THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR 1978. THE NEW AGREEMENT IS SCHEDULED TO BE
SIGNED IN SEOUL MONDAY, AN AID SPOKESMAN SAID TUESDAY.
(P) THE \$59.5 MILLION AGREEMENT WAS SCHEDULED TO BE SIGNED
ON JUNE 26, BUT REASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION, OR CONSULTATION
WITH CONGRESS, WAS REQUIRED BECAUSE OF THE HOUSE PASSAGE
OF THE JIM WRIGHT AMENDMENT TO THE FY 79 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIA-
TIONS BILL TO DELETE \$56 MILLION FOR PL 480 FOOD AID FOR
KOREA, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.
(P) THE CONGRESSIONAL CLEARANCE OF THE KOREAN ECONOMIC AID
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FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR IS SIGNIFICANT, COMPARED WITH THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT'S "BACKING OFF" FY 1975 APPROPRIATIONS FOR
MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY BECAUSE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL
REACTION EVEN THOUGH CONGRESS ADOPTED AN ARMS AID EMBARGO
FROM FISCAL YEAR 1976 AGAINST TURKEY.
(P) SUCH STOPPAGE OF U.S. AID WAS ALSO APPLIED TO THE
CASES OF ETHIOPIA AND ANGOLA, IN ADDITION TO TURKEY.

(P) "THE TIMING WAS COINCIDENTAL WITH THE HOUSE VOTE," THE
SPOKESMAN NOTE

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(P) "WE CARRIED OUT QUITE EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH
CONGRESS AND CONGRESS GAVE US THE GREEN LIGHT (ON THIS NEW
AGREEMENT WITH KOREA)," HE SAID.

(P) THE NEW \$59.5 MILLION PL 480 AGREEMENT CONSISTING OF
\$27.3 MILLION FOR WHEAT FLOUR (200,000 METRIC TONS) AND
\$32.2 MILLION FOR CORN (275,000 MT) IS TO BE SIGNED MONDAY
IN SEOUL BETWEEN KOREAN ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD MINISTER
NAM DUCK-WOO AND U.S. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES THOMAS STERN.
END QUOTE
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